

## Message Text

PAGE 01 NATO 01493 01 OF 02 200330Z

11

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-07 INR-10 L-03 NEA-10

NSAE-00 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 USIA-15 TRSE-00

SAJ-01 H-03 NSC-07 SS-20 ACDA-19 OMB-01 DRC-01 EB-11

/143 W

----- 018858

R 191845Z MAR 74

FM USMISSION NATO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4674

SECDEF

INFO ALL NATO CAPITALS 3803

USNMR SHAPE

USCINCEUR

USLOSACLANT

CINCLANT

USDOCOSOUTH

CINCUSNAVEUR

CINCUSAFE

CINCUSAREUR

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 1 OF 2 USNATO 1493

E.O. 11652: GDS 12/31/80

TAGS: MCAP, NATO

SUBJ: NATO SPECIALIZATION STUDY-DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING MARCH 19, 1974

REF: A. USNATO 1261 B. USNATO 950 C. STATE 29287 NOTAL D. USNATO  
645 NOTAL E. STATE 50933 NOTAL

SUMMARY: DPC APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE THE TWO REPORTS, ON CONDUCT  
OF FURTHER STUDIES AND ON MARITIME FORCES, ATTACHED TO NETHERLANDS  
AMBASSADOR HARTOGH'S LETTER OF FEB 22, 1974, TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL

.  
THE EXECUTIVE WORKING ROUP WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR FURTHER  
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 NATO 01493 01 OF 02 200330Z

WORK AND THE STEERING GROUP WILL BE DISESTABLISHED. GERMAN AND  
NETHERLANDS PERMREPS HAD NOTHING TO REPORT ON PROGRESS OF LANCE  
TRADEOFF NEGOTIATIONSFK DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE. ALLIES WERE COMPLI-  
MENTARY OF RECENT US MATRIX CONTRIBUTION AND SHOWED POSITIVE  
ATTITUDE TOWARD FURTHER RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALIZATION STUDY.

END SUMMARY.

1. ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL PANSA INTRODUCED SUBJECT, RECALLING THAT DURING THE FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION JAN 9, TO THE DPC MINISTERIAL, SOME PERMREPS HAD EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO TRANSFER RESPONSIBILITY FOR FURTHER WORK TO THE EWG. NOW, THE STEERING GROUP HAS SO RECOMMENDED. THIS TRANSFER WOULD LEAVE UNCHANGED THE DPC'S POLICY ROLE, AND LEAVE OPEN THE NEED FOR SUB-GROUPS. THE DPC WOULD DELEGATE TO THE EWG CONTROL OVER THE SUB-GROUPS AND THE EWG WOULD ORGANIZE, REPORT AND MAINTAIN PRESSURE. SUB-GROUPS WILL NEED EXPERTISE FROM CAPITALS IN VARIOUS FIELDS.

2. ON THE RECENTLY COMPLETED AIR SPECIALIZATION STUDY INVOLVING REPLACEMENT OF THE F-104G BY THE NETHERLANDS AIR FORCE, PANSA QUOTED LUNS THAT "THIS WOULD BE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR AFFECTED COUNTRIES TO STANDARDIZE; TO MISS IT WOULD BE UNFORGIVEABLE." HE THEN ASKED HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) AND KRAPF (FRG) FOR A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE LANCE TRADEOFF NEGOTIATIONS. THEY RESPONDED THAT DISCUSSION WERE STILL UNDERWAY WITH NO RESULTS AS YET.

3. ON FUTURE WORK, HARTOGH AGREED WITH EWG TAKING OVER FURTHER STUDIES WHICH SHOULD BE OPENED AND NOT RESTRICTED TO THE CENTRAL REGION. THE NETHERLANDS SUPPORTS FURTHER RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALIZATION STUDIES AS A POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO OVERCOMING DIFFICULTIES IN MAINTAINING A CREDIBLE DEFENSE. HE CALLED FOR MAINTENANCE OF MOMENTUM WITH REPORTS MORE OFTEN THAN TWICE A YEAR.

4. MC REP (MAJ GEN TOMMASINI) ASKED THAT, BEFORE EWG COMMENCES NEW STUDIES, THEY FIRST DETERMINE THE AREA(S) FOR STUDY AND ASK FOR DPC APPROVAL. DPC DID NOT ACCEPT THIS IDEA.

5. US REP (RUMSFELD) MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT QUOTE: I WANT TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION OF MY GOVERNMENT TO THE MARITIME FORCES SUB-GROUP AND CERTAINLY TO THE NETHERLANDS DELEGATION FOR THEIR FINE WORK IN PREPARING THE REPORTS BEFORE US. THE UNITED STATES CAN CERTAINLY ACCEPT THEM BOTH.  
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 NATO 01493 01 OF 02 200330Z

WITH REGARD TO THE FURTHER QUESTION OF RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALIZATION STUDIES IN NATO, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP CONVENE AT AN EARLY DATE WITH A VIEW TO CONTINUING THIS IMPORTANT WORK. AS YOU KNOW, THERE WAS A BRIEF DISCUSSION I BELIEVE IN THE DPC EARLIER THIS MONTH REGARDING THE ILLUSTRATIVE MATRIX OR RATIONALIZATION APPROACH THAT WAS PRESENTED TO THE EWG ON FEB 28 BY A TEAM OF OFFICERS FROM WASHINGTON. WE WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO HAVE A FURTHER DISCUSSION AND HEAR ANY ADDITIONAL NATIONAL COMMENTS ABOUT THAT CONCEPT, INITIAL APPROACH OR ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLE. THE EWG, OF COURSE, WOULD BE THE PROPER FORUM FOR THIS.

I HAVE TROUBLE UNDERSTANDING THE POINT MADE BY GEN. TOMMASINI. THE EWG REPS ARE SENIOR NATIONAL REPS WHO WOULDN'T BE LIKELY TO DO SOMETHING THAT THEIR PERMANENT

REPRESENTATIVES DIDN'T WANT THEM TO DO. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.  
END QUOTE  
UNQUOTE

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 NATO 01493 02 OF 02 191939Z

11  
ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-07 INR-10 L-03 NEA-10

NSAE-00 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 USIA-15 TRSE-00

SAJ-01 H-03 NSC-07 SS-20 ACDA-19 OMB-01 EB-11 DRC-01

/143 W

----- 014379

R 191845Z MAR 74  
FM USMISSION NATO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4675  
SECDEF  
INFO ALL NATO CAPITALS 3804  
USNMR SHAPE  
USCINCEUR  
USLOSACLANT  
CINCLANT  
USDOCOSOUTH  
CINCUSNAVEUR  
CINCUSAFE  
CINCUSAREUR

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 2 OF 2 USNATO 1493

6. PECK, (UK) AGREED WITH RUMSFELD ON THE LATTER POINT AND EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO THE US BRIEFING OFFICERS. THE ILLUSTRATIVE MATRIX WAS VERY USEFUL; THERE ARE INTERESTING POSSIBILITIES FOR FURTHER WORK. THE EWG CAN BLEND THESE TOGETHER WITHOUT BEING TIED TO ANY PARTICULAR TIMING.

7. MENZIES (CANADA) ACCEPTED FURTHER STUDIES BEING PLACED UNDER THE EWG, CHARACTERIZING THE US MATRIX APPROACH AS HELPFUL. IN REPORTING TO THE DPC, THE EWG SHOULD GIVE SOME IDEA OF THE BROAD AIM OF THE STUDY RATHER THAN JUST A COMPIATION OF NATIONAL OBJECTIVES. PANSAGREED THAT EWG WOULD REPORT TREND AND AIM OF WORK. MENZIES ALSO ASKED FOR THE EWG TO FOLLOW THE PROGRESS OF THE LANCE TRADEOFF NEGOTIATIONS. THERE WAS SILENT AGREEMENT.

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 NATO 01493 02 OF 02 191939Z

8. DESTAERCKE (BELGIUM) SAW A DANGER IN DOING STUDIES FOR STUDIES'

SAKE. THE US BRIEFING WAS OF "GREATEST INTEREST" AS A REFLECTION OF US STAFF THINKING; HE ASKED FOR MC REACTION TO THE US APPROACH. PANSA SAID TOMMASINIM WOULD EXPRESS THE MILITARY VIEW IN THE EWG.

9. RUMSFELD SAID DESTAERCKE HAD CORRECTLY DESCRIBED THE US APPROACH. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER IS PERSONALLY INTERESTED AND HIS STAFF IS WORKING HARD. THE MATRIX WAS NOT A CLEARED, US GOVERNMENT POSITION. THE US TEAM LISTENED AND LEARNED. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM ALLIES WOULD BE EAGERLY RECEIVED.

10. HARTOGH ALSO EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO THE US. HE CALLED FOR CONVENING OF THE LAND FORCE SUB-GROUP TO TAKE A LOOK AT WINTER WARFARE AND RIVER CROSSING CAPABILITIES. PANSA AGREED TO KEEP THE PRESSURE ON IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF MINISTERS LAST DECEMBER.

11. ON THE MARITIME FORCES REPORT, PANSA DESCRIBED THE PAPER AS COMPREHENSIVE BUT DISAPPOINTING IN THAT IT IDENTIFIED NO SPECIFIC SPECIALIZATION POSSIBILITIES. PECK SAID THE REPORT WAS USEFUL IN POINTING OUT THE DIFFICULTIES. THESE ARE NOT INSUPERABLE, BUT A GOOD DEAL OF POLITICAL WILL BE NEEDED TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES, AND TRUST AND FAITH BY ANY COUNTRY GIVING UP VITAL MILITARY FUNCTIONS. HE WARNED AGAINST DROPPING SOMETHING IN EXCHANGE FOR SOMETHING ELSE THAT IS ONLY ON THE DRAWING BOARD. DESTAERCKE PICKED THIS UP, SAYING THAT SPECIALIZATION DOESN'T MEAN ABANDONMENT OF BASIC MILITARY FUNCTIONS. HE ASKED FOR A REPORT ON THE LANCE TRADEOFF NEGOTIATIONS IN THE JUNE REPORT TO MINISTERS.

12. COMMENT:

A. PRESUMABLY THE STATEMENT IN PARA 2, REF E, REGARDING CAUTIOUS ALLIED ATTITUDE TOWARD US MATRIX CONCEPT WAS PROMPTED BY APPREHENSIONS CITED BY MISSION IN PARA 3, REF A. IN FACT, THOSE APPREHENSIONS WERE HEARD IN COMMENTS MADE BY ALLIES IN VARIOUS FORA PRIOR TO FEB 28, WHEN THE WASHINGTON TEAM PRESENTED THE MATRIX TO THE EWG. ALLIED COMMENTS ON THE MATRIX APPROACH HAVE BEEN UNIFORMLY FAVORABLE, BOTH AT THE FEB 28 EWG AND AT TODAY'S DPC.

B. MISSION SHARES WASHINGTON DESIRE IN PARA 2, REF E, NOT APPEAR TOO SELF-SERVING IN THE SELECTION OF INITIAL US PROPOSALS.  
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 NATO 01493 02 OF 02 191939Z

WE ALSO BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT US BALANCE IT PROPOSALS BETWEEN TRADEOFF OPTIONS THAT INCLUDE US MILITARY FUNCTIONS AND THOSE THAT DO NOT. IN THIS WAY WE SHOULD AVOID ANY ACCUSATION THAT WE ARE TRYING TO STRUCTURE THE ARMED FORCES OF OUR ALLIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH A "MADE IN THE US" MODEL, AND WITH MINIMAL IMPACT ON US FORCES. RUSFELD

CONFIDENTIAL

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>



## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 11 JUN 1999  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 19 MAR 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** garlanwa  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974ATO01493  
**Document Source:** ADS  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** 11652 GDS 12/31/80  
**Errors:** n/a  
**Film Number:** n/a  
**From:** NATO  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19740381/abbrytvr.tel  
**Line Count:** 214  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE  
**Office:** n/a  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 4  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** A. USNATO 1261 B. USNATO 950 C. STATE 29287 NOTAL D. USNATO 645 NOTAL E. STATE 50933 NOTAL  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** garlanwa  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 10 APR 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <10 APR 2002 by ifshinsr>; APPROVED <30-Aug-2002 by garlanwa>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** NATO SPECIALIZATION STUDY-DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 19, 1974  
**TAGS:** MCAP, NATO  
**To:** STATE  
SECDEF INFO ALL NATO CAPITALS  
USNMR SHAPE  
USCINCEUR  
USLOSACLANT  
CINCLANT  
USDOCOSOUTH

CINCUSNAVEUR  
CINCUSAFE  
CINCUSAREUR

**Type:** TE

**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005